

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1530 – SB 2530

February 4, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “reasonable and prudent parent standard” as the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interest of a child while also encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child. Requires every child-placing agency to designate an on-site official who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard and assist a caregiver in application of the standard when determining whether to allow a child in foster care to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. Exempts the caregiver and child-placing agency from being liable for injuries to the child that occurs as a result of acting in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Children Services can implement this standard within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any direct increase or decrease in the number of cases filed within the court system as a result of establishing the civil immunity will be not significant; therefore, any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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